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SUBJ: ISRAELI PRESS ON NEGOTIATIONS FOR INTERIM  
SETTLEMENT WITH EGYPT

SUMMARY: ISRAELI PRESS JULY 1 DEVOTES EXTENSIVE  
SPACE TO CONFLICTING SPECULATIONS ON NATURE OF DECISION GOI  
CABINET MAY TAKE CONCERNING INTERIM ACCORD WITH  
EGYPT, INCLUDING REPORTS OF POSSIBLE US CONTROL  
OF WARNING INSTALLATIONS ON BOTH ENDS OF SINAI  
PASSES. EFFORTS OF "DOVES" AND "HAWKS" TO  
LINE UP SUPPORT TO INFLUENCE CABINET DECISION  
GIVEN DETAILED COVERAGE. WHILE SOME REPORTERS  
BELIEVE RABIN STILL HAS NOT MADE UP HIS MIND ON  
CONCESSIONS, ONE LEADING JOURNALIST REPORTS THAT HE IS  
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ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN EFFORTS

TO SECURE POLITICAL SUPPORT IN FAVOR OF HOLDING EASTERN  
END OF PASSES. END SUMMARY.

1. PRESS JULY 1 DEVOTES CONSIDERABLE SPACE TO  
SPECULATION ON ADDITIONAL ISRAELI CONCESSIONS TO  
REACH INTERIM ACCORD WITH EGYPT.

2. HAARETZ (GOLAN) REPORTS THAT IT WAS DECIDED  
TO REQUEST THE US TO ASK EGYPT FOR A DETAILED MAP  
SHOWING ITS WITHDRAWAL DEMANDS. SO FAR, EGYPTIANS  
HAVE CONFINED THEMSELVES TO REJECTING ISRAELI  
PROPOSALS WHILE DEMANDING A WITHDRAWAL FROM ENTIRE  
AREA OF PASSES, BUT HAVE NOT EXACTLY DEFINED LINE. AT SAME  
TIME, ISRAEL WILL STUDY MILITARY IMPLICATIONS OF  
FURTHER CONCESSION IN PASSES. WHETHER TO MAKE  
SUCH A CONCESSION WILL BE DECIDED ONLY NEXT WEEK,  
AFTER US POSITION IT IS LEARNED.

3. ACCORDING TO GOLAN, CONSULTATIONS WILL SHIFT  
INTO HIGH GEAR WHEN DINITZ ARRIVES WITH FIRST-  
HAND IMPRESSIONS OF ANTICIPATED US POSITIONS IN  
CASE OF SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF  
NEGOTIATIONS. AFTER FEW DAYS' STAY, DINITZ WILL  
PRESUMABLY FLY BACK WITH NEW ISRAELI MAP INCLUDING  
NEW CONCESSION, WHICH, IT WILL BE STRESSED, WILL  
BE LAST WORD UNLESS EGYPT OFFERS CONCESSIONS  
OF ITS OWN.

4. GOLAN ADDS THAT JERUSALEM IS VERY BITTER ABOUT PRESENT  
ATTITUDE OF WASHINGTON. GOVERNMENT  
CIRCLES SAY THAT US' UNRESERVED SUPPORT OF CAIRO'S  
POSITION IS HARMFUL TO NEGOTIATIONS, SINCE IT  
MAKES IT EASIER FOR SADAT TO REFUSE ANY CONCESSIONS.

5. SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS DISCUSS POSSIBILITY THAT  
WARNING INSTALLATIONS IN THE SINAI WILL BE MAINTAINED  
BY AMERICANS. YEDIOT (ZIMUKI) REPORTS IN HEADLINE  
STORY THAT GENERAL STAFF WAS ASKED TO PREPARE AN  
OPINION ON MILITARY AND STRATEGIC ASPECTS OF REMAINING  
IN THE PASSES FOR JULY 6 CABINET MEETING. EGYPTIANS  
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HAVE REPORTEDLY AGREED THAT ISRAELI ELECTRONIC WARNING  
AND SURVEILLANCE INSTALLATIONS (IN UM HASHIVA) MAY  
BE MANNED BY "A THIRD PARTY", NOT THE UN. REFERENCE  
IS PROBABLY TO AN AMERICAN FORCE. PRESS NOTES THAT  
PRIME MINISTER OPPOSED TO THIS PROPOSAL.

6. PRESS ALSO HIGHLIGHTS DEVELOPING ISRAELI INTERNAL  
POLITICAL CONFRONTATION OVER ISSUE OF ADDITIONAL CON-

CESSIONS. RABIN REPORTEDLY IS ENGAGED IN ACTIVE SUPPORT TO BUTTRESS HIS OPPOSITION TO RETURNING EASTERN PART OF PASSES. LABOR PARTY, RAFI FACTION (PERES, YAACOBI, DAYAN) REMAINS OPPOSED TO OFFERING NEW CONCESSIONS, WHILE LABOR MODERATES TOGETHER WITH MAPAM, AND ILP CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR SETTLEMENT EVEN AT EXPENSE OF FORFEITING MOST OF SINAI PASSES. OUT-COME OF INTERNAL DEBATE IS DECIDEDLY UNCERTAIN.

7. NEW THEME IN TODAY'S PRESS IS THAT ENTIRE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS IS LIKELY TO BE DRAGGED OUT OVER SEVERAL WEEKS. INTERNAL CONSULTATIONS, EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH WASHINGTON AND CAIRO, AND PM'S FOUR DAY VISIT TO BONN NEXT WEEK ARE FACTORS WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO EXPECTATION THAT ON INTERIM SETTLEMENT "MOMENT OF DECISION" IS STILL SEVERAL WEEKS AWAY. VELIOTES

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